

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Executive & Government Relations Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair; John Carroll, Vice-Chair;  
Paula Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Executive & Government Relations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Battles at 8:06 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Executive and Government Relations Committee, the committee meeting was adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Human Resources Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: Paula Nelson; Tamara Battles

Absent: Becky Barnes, Chair

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Human Resource Committee was called to order by Commissioner Nelson at 8:07 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Human Resources committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Administration & Legal Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: John Carroll, Chair; Jay Sharplin

Absent: Ralph Covington

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Administration & Legal Committee was to order by Commissioner Carroll at 8:07 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a report from John Theriot, CPA regarding the December 2016 financial statements. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend approval of the December 2016 financial statements. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend payment of the December 2016 legal bills. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend payment of the December 2016 accounting bill. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Administration & Legal committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: Paula Nelson, Chair; John Carroll; Jay Sharplin

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner Nelson at 8:12 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to consider an increase to the dollar amount of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association for the 2017 Juneteenth Celebration. A discussion was held. There being no further public comments, motion failed by a vote of 2 to 0 vote. Commissioner Sharplin recusing himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to consider an increase to the dollar amount of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Arna Bontemps African American Museum for the 2017 Jazz Festival- A discussion was held. There being no further public comments, motion failed by a vote of 2 to 0 vote. Commissioner Sharplin recusing himself.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Capital Projects Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: John Carroll; Jay Sharplin

Absent: Ralph Covington, Chair

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Capital Projects Committee was called to order by Commissioner Carroll at 9:17 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado, called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a report from the Executive Director regarding a rezoning application to execute the sale of the Masonic Drive Property. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Rezoning Application for the sale of the Masonic Drive Property. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Capital Projects Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Operations Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: Michael Caffery, Chair

Absent: Ralph Covington; Becky Barnes

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Operations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Caffery at 9:20 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado, called the roll. A quorum was not present.

There being no business to come before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Regular Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair; John Carroll; Paula Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer;  
Michael Caffery; Jay Sharplin

Absent: Becky Barnes; Ralph Covington

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Commissioner Battles. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve the January 2017 Consent Agenda:

- a) Motion to approve the minutes from the December 2016 board meeting
- b) Motion to approve payment of the December 2016 legal bills
- c) Motion to accept the December 2016 financial statements
- d) Motion to approve payment of the December 2016 accounting bill

There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to amend the agenda to consider increasing the dollar amount of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association for the 2017 Juneteenth Celebration and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Arna Bontemps African American Museum for the 2017 Jazz Festival- A discussion was held. There being no further public comments. The agenda was amended by unanimous vote. No Public Comment.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider increasing the dollar amount of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association for the 2017 Juneteenth Celebration and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Arna Bontemps African American Museum for the 2017 Jazz Festival- A discussion was held. There being no further public comments, motion failed by a vote of 4 to 0 vote. No Public Comment.

The Board agreed to hold the 2017 Strategic Retreat on March 4th, 2017 at the Diamond Grill in Alexandria, LA from 8am to 2pm.

Commissioner Nelson requested that the Executive Director make efforts to contact the Gerald B. "Jerry" Frazier MCDP President & Marion County Economic Development Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Columbia, Ms. A discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.